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Modoc Ramp Closes Temporarily for Timber Removal for Construction Project

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SAVANNAH, GA. -- The Savannah District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will temporarily close the Modoc Ramp at the J. Strom Thurmond Lake beginning November 16. The closure is necessary to remove timber for pending construction in the area. Modoc Ramp is located at the end of Ferguson Ferry Road in McCormick County, SC. The ramp and parking area will remain closed for approximately two weeks until the clean up of the logging debris is complete.

Timber removal is required to complete planning and installation of a dissolved oxygen injection system at Thurmond Lake. When completed, this system will provide improved fish habitat in the lower one-third of the lake. In addition to the dissolved oxygen system, the Modoc Ramp parking lot will be enlarged and paved.

Signs will be placed by the Corps on U. S. Hwy 221 and SC Hwy 28 while the area remains closed. Fishermen and boaters who normally use Modoc Ramp should use either Scotts Ferry Ramp or Parksville Recreation Area while the area is closed.

For more information, contact the J. Strom Thurmond Lake Visitor Center toll free at 1-800-533-3478.